



Donation & Recovery  
Outreach Program

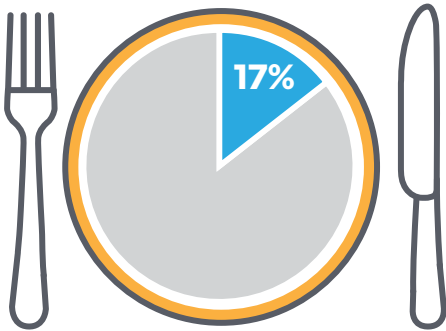
# FACT SHEET



## FOOD DONATION FOR BUSINESSES

Each year, Los Angeles County unincorporated communities toss **128,000 tons** of food waste into the trash. The Department of Public Works has partnered with local charities in LA County to offer businesses a food donation option through Food DROP.

Public Works will visit your business free of charge, if you are located in an unincorporated community, and help you develop a food donation process at your location. To schedule a meeting with Public Works, please call **1-888-Clean LA**.



*Food waste makes up 17% of the County's unincorporated communities waste stream.*

## FOOD DONATION IS TAX DEDUCTIBLE

All businesses who donate to a non-profit with 501(c)(3) status that uses the food for the care of the ill, the needy, or infants can receive a tax deduction.

## YOU'RE PROTECTED! U.S. CODE BILL EMERSON GOOD SAMARITAN FOOD DONATION ACT

A person or gleaner shall not be subject to civil or criminal liability arising from the nature, age, packaging, or condition of apparently wholesome food or an apparently fit grocery product that the person or gleaner donates in good faith to a nonprofit organization for ultimate distribution.

[www.FoodDROPLA.com](http://www.FoodDROPLA.com)

## MANDATORY ORGANICS RECYCLING



The County of Los Angeles Department of Public Works is conducting free on-site visits to help businesses and food service establishments located within the County unincorporated areas comply with the State's mandatory recycling requirements.

To assist businesses in recycling and complying with State laws, the County has established a commercial waste collection franchise system. Businesses in the County unincorporated areas may contact their authorized commercial waste hauler to receive FREE recycling services and arrange for organic waste recycling services.

### AB 1826

#### MANDATORY ORGANICS RECYCLING LAW

**As of April 2016**, businesses that generate 8 cubic yards of organic waste or more are required to arrange for organic waste recycling services. **In January 2017**, this requirement was extended to businesses that generate 4 cubic yards or more of organic waste.

**By January 2019**, all businesses that generate 4 cubic yards or more of solid waste must arrange for organic waste recycling services.

*Organics include food, yard trimmings, nonhazardous wood, and food soiled paper.*



### SB 1383

#### SHORT-LIVED CLIMATE POLLUTANTS LAW

In 2016, California set the following targets:

- 1) 50% reduction in statewide disposal of organic waste by 2020
- 2) 75% reduction in statewide disposal of organic waste by 2025

The State shall include requirements intended to meet the goal that not less than 20% of edible food that is currently disposed of is recovered for human consumption by 2025.



## County of Los Angeles Department of Public Works

Monday - Thursday 7:30am - 5:30pm | 1-888-CLEAN LA (1-888-253-2652)

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